

REMARKS

Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Claim Amendments

The claims have been amended to delete the non-elected subject matter, without prejudice, as requested by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action. Additionally, the claims have been amended to address the issues set forth in the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Editorial changes have also been made to the claims in order to better comply with U.S. practice.

No new matter has been added to the application by these amendments.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

The rejection of claims 1-11, 14-19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, has been rendered moot by the amendments to the claims, discussed in detail below.

Specifically, Applicants have deleted the word “general” in claims 1 and 14.

Additionally, Applicants have deleted the brackets in the claims.

In the definition of R¹ and R², 3) and 4) have been renumbered as 1) and 2).

Under the definition of R¹ and R², the definition of Y has been amended to recite -CH₂- based upon page 17, line 34 of Applicants’ specification.

The issues pointed out by the Examiner regarding the definition of W have been rendered moot by the cancellation of non-elected subject matter.

The period at the end of Group α in claim 1 has been deleted.

The word “and” has been added before the last substituent in claims 9, 10, 22 and 23.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that W is a divalent group which stands for optionally substituted mono- or bi-cyclic, 3 – 8 membered aromatic heterocycle, in order to satisfy the antecedent basis issue in claims 9 and 10. Support for this amendment is found in original claims 9 and 10. Claims 8, 14 and 21 have been amended to be consistent with amended claim

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Claim 14 has been amended to delete the reference to the definitions in claim 1, and instead now recites the definitions originally set forth in claim 1.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend on claim 1, and claim 21 has been amended to depend on claim 14.

Lastly, claim 25 has been amended to delete the phrase "represented by the general formula [I-1]", and to add a comma after the third-to-last compound.

In view of the above amendments, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph has been rendered moot, and it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw said rejection.

Conclusion

Therefore, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the ground of rejection set forth by the Examiner has been overcome, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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